TO HOLD A MASS MEETING AT THE

PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO GET HELP IN LOCAL WORK FROM M. A. C.

Belding has recently placed itself in the rank with other progressive cities and towns in the country by establishing a Recreation commission with the idea of developing a system of municipal recreation. Through the cooperation of the extension department of the M. A. C. the work will be under the direction of a trained social worker who will arrive some time before the first of July.

Interest in this phase of social service was aroused last December when a representative of the Playground and Recreation association of America spoke before the Ladies' Literary Exchange club. As a result of her visit the club voted to invite the national association to helpin establishing the work in Belding.

The Playground and Recreation association of America was organized in 1906 when the recreation movement was in its infancy in America. Since then, due in no small measure to the work of the association, the idea has spread until there is hardly a city of any size or importance that does not point with pride to its playgrounds and social centers as important adjuncts to its educational system.

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In Michigan, a short time ago, a fund was raised to enable the Na-tional association to put on a three tional association to put on a three year campaign in some of the smaller cities— towns that would like to avail . mselves of the services of its field workers but could not afford to pay the fee of \$136 a week that is generally charged. Because of this fund, Belding was able to have a worker here this summer for four or five weeks.

During the past few days it has come to our attention that there are a number of people in this city who are under the opinion that the ladies who recently made the Red Cross canvass in this city were getting pay for their work. In several instances the people who carried these ideas, were either thoughtless or unkind enough to take the matter up with

Chas. Claflin Dead.

Chas. Claflin, aged 68 years, a resident of Greenville, where he was resident of Greenville, where he was employed in the Ranney factories, died suddenly Frillay night at his home in that city. Death was caused by heart disease. Mr. Claflin and family were former residents of this city, he being then employed at Factory B and they then lived on East Division street in the house now occupied by Grant Francisco and family. He was well known here a former years and was a father of



Home on Furlough.

Arthur Dehn, son of Mr. and Mrs.
John Dehn, who has been in the naval
service of the country for some time,
arrived home Sunday, having been
met at Grand Rapids by the home
folks in the car and making the balance of the trip overland. Art has
been stationed at the Annapolis rifle
range for a long time and is looking
good. He is home on a ten day furlongth

Leaves Citizens Co.

Alva Dodds has left the employ of the Citizens Light Co: and on Monday night took up the duties of his new position as night man at the Richardson power plant, taking the place formerly held by Wm. Annis. Alva has been with the Citizens Co. for about a year or more and has acquired considerable experience in the electrical line.

ITORS GET SALARIES.

Merton O. Biakeslee Ionia, chairman
Department of Music, Michigan
State Federation of Women's clubs.
Address by C. E. Lindemann, state
leader of Boys' and Girls' clubs organized under the auspices of the
State Agricultural college.

but after all that the Red Cross has
done, after what the local chapter
and the county organization has done
to alleviate the sufferings of wounded and sick soldiers at the front, after the publication of the most detailed reports of the expenditures, etc., ed reports of the expenditures, etc., of the funds raised for the Red Cross, this cloud of ignorance should disappear and those who "slam" Red Cross solicitors, with grafting and high salaried positions, should get different and brighter thoughts and instead of retarding, push with all the push in them for the success of each Red Cross undertaking.

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West Otisco Farmers' Club.

The West Otisco Farmers' club
met at the pleasant home of Mr. and
Mrs. M. L. Updike with about 50 in
attendance. A good time was reported by all. Our next meeting
will be held one week later than the
regular time on account of that date
being July 4. The next meeting will
be held with Mr. and Mrs. Mc.
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Physicians Met Here.

Children's Day Program.

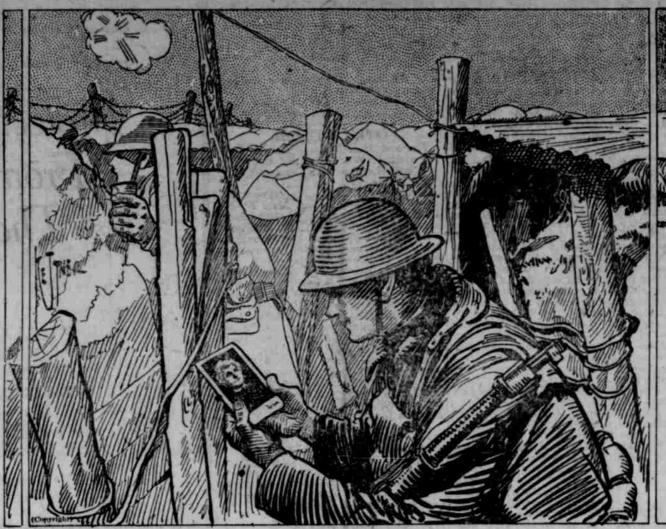
Children's Day

Physicians Met Here.

The Ionia County Medical society met in the city hall Thursday evening, June 6, as guests of the local physicians, the Greenville physicians having also been invited.

Dr. Burton Corbus of Grand Rapids read an excellent paper on "Diagnosis of Diseases of the Stomach", which was then ably discussed by Dr. Vandenberg of Grand Rapida, Drs. Stanton and Pinkham of this city and Dr. Hansen of Greenville. The meeting was a pleasant one and the physicians had a very good and profitable time. No raise in service fees were discussed.

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NEIGHBORS HELPED MRS. ONE HUNDRED

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Michigan law, either the problems of the work of the So before very long under the auspies of this commission there will be some playground activities started for the boys and girls together with some canning, garden, poultry and home economics clubs for the older ones. These new activities in connection with the work already started by the Scout and Campfire groups will solve the leisure time problem that the city has been facing.

A mass meeting of the people interested in the matter above will be held in the opera house Friday evening, June 14 at 7:30 o'clock at which time the matter will be further taken up and the following program will be rendered:

Music by the Belding band.

Campfire Girls.

Boy Scouts.

Junior Red Cross.

Senior Re

she is well known and loved and esteemed by all. Besides Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hull, their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Northway and granddaughters, Mrs. Frank Caswell of Six Lakes and Mrs. Herbert Mehney, those present were: Mr. and Mrs. N. Mehney, of Cook's Corners, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wise, Mrs. Melissa Cobb and Mrs. Eva E. Bignell of Belding, Mrs. Anna Campbell, Mrs. Mary Tebbell, Mrs. Catherine Russell, Mrs. Mac Farlane, Mrs. Helen Purdy, Mrs. Rosella Dumon and Miss Fannie Earle. she is well known and loved and es

Brought in First Berries.

Vern LaDow brought in the first ome grown strawberries of the sason Thursday and found a ready arket for the 22 quarts at 20 cents or quart. They were of the Dunp variety and were of excellent

Labor and material are essential to ctory; use both sparingly,

AND NINETY BOYS

of the entire list of registrants.

The list of Ionia county young men who registered June 5, is as follows:
Leo Smith, Orange
Merle H. Sayer, Danby
Lewis J. Morrison, Ionia
Meyre S. Dick, Muir
Samuel Lencate Clarksville
Fred A. Gaut, Ionia
Cecil Schlosser, Ionia
Floyd F. Bishop, Sunfield
Floyd E. Olds, Smyrna
Glen D Van Valkenberg, Belding
Geo. C. Daly, Belding
Dan L. Archer, Lake Odessa
Howard T. Cramer, Danby
Glen Morris, Orleans
Alfred Trierweiller, Lyons
Don M. McCormack, Danby
Leo R. Mathews, Portland Leo R. Mathews, Portland Hobart M. Darling, Ionia Hiram Priest, Ionia Vern Sturges, Ionia Glenn D. Hooper, Ionia Glenn D. Hooper, Ionia
Don M. Settle, Ionia
Ernest Volpintesta, Ionia,
Chas. L. Patrick, Clarkaville
Herbert L. Avery, Portland
Ray Mann, Portland
Frank De Martini, Ionia
Clarence Tasker, Lake Odessa
Ernest J. Moe, Lake Odessa
Francis H. Durkee, Portland
Ernest C. Bever, Lake Odessa,
Roy W. Clark, Lake Odessa,
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John C. Haffner, Ionia
Clair Lapo, Lake Odessa
Forrest Thurston, Portland
Orville Stiffler, Portland
James W. Miller, Lake Odessa
Ray Leece, Clarksville Ray Leece, Clarksville Riley T. Keefer, Lyons Tony Sloscarski, Ionia. Riley T. Keefer, Lyons
Tony Sioscarski, Ionia.
Wellington Gardner, Ionia
Stanley W. Smith, Ionia
Howard T. Cramer, Danby
Alexander Benjamin, Ionia
Russell E. Curtis, Ionia
Harold A. Salyer, Palo
Fred R. Clark, Saranae
Alvin Crystler, Belding
Leslie K. Kauffman, Portland
Louis A. Spitzley, Pewamo
Harry R. Carroll, Muir
Harry Cramer, Ionia
Wm. Steele, jr., Ionia
Harold W. Clements, Shiloh
Russell F. Blackmer, Portland
Chas. W. Jack, jr., Ionia
Cecil Taylor McCoy, Sebewa
Lee L. Basom, Ionia
Chester V. Giddings, Lake Odessa
Floyd J. Rier, Ionia
Royal J. Breckon, Ionia
Roy Victor Winchell, Ionia
Lester E. Lampman, Ionia
Mayford J. Richardson, Clarksville
Rufus D. Lindley, Ionia
Roy Clayton Ward, Lyons
Irving Vern Avery, Ionia
Arden B. Youngs, Ionia
Eugene C. Hoppough, Orleans
Ralph A. Wilson, Belding
Robert C. Tasker, Lake Odessa
Norwood Cranson, Hubbardston
George G. Bricker, Belding
Ray M. Cross, Portland
Gordon Hale, Keene
Fay M. Link, Ionia
Ivan Hennedy, Orleans
Thos. Wm. Dutcher, Portland
David Davis, Palo
Ernest W. Pung, Portland

A country worth fighting for is a country worth saving for.

We who through accident of birth are not expected to go over must do our part at home. We are not asked to sacrifice a leg, or an arm, our eyesight, or our lives. Your government does not even ask you to give your money, only to save and lend your savings, to help carry on this "war for freedom." For the use of this money your country will pay you 4 per cent interest compounded quarterly. Every penny invested in War Savings Stamps helps to save the lives of our men at the front and win the war. We must save and buy War Savings Stamps. We must

met at the home of Mrs. W. B. keed for the closing day of their year on Friday, June 7, with a fine 1 o'clock luncheon, followed by a short business meeting, Mrs. Hattie Litle, vice president, president, The committee in charge of the changing arrangements is headed by Chairman J. C. Sager and his lieuteness of the changing arrangements is headed by Chairman J. C. Sager and his lieuteness of the changing arrangements is headed by Chairman J. C. Sager and his lieuteness of the changing arrangements is headed by Chairman J. C. Sager and his lieuteness of the changing arrangements is headed by Chairman J. C. Sager and his lieuteness of the changing arrangements is headed by Chairman J. C. Sager and his lieuteness of the changing arrangements is headed by Chairman J. C. Sager and his lieuteness of the changing arrangements is headed by Chairman J. C. Sager and his lieuteness of the changing arrangements is headed by Chairman J. C. Sager and his lieuteness of the changing arrangements is headed by Chairman J. C. Sager and his lieuteness of the changing arrangements is headed by Chairman J. C. Sager and his lieuteness of the changing arrangements is headed by Chairman J. C. Sager and his lieuteness of the changing arrangements is headed by Chairman J. C. Sager and his lieuteness of the changing arrangements is headed by Chairman J. C. Sager and his lieuteness of the changing arrangements are changing arrangements. ness meeting, Mrs. Hattie Litle, vice president, president, president, president, president, president, the absence of Mrs. Mary Smith, president. The reports for the year were given by the different officers and committees. The calendars for the coming year were distributed and a short resume of the work as outlined given by Mrs. Carrie Reed, chairman of calendar committee. Then followed a short musical program; vocal duet by Mesdames Wagner and Spencer; instrumental duet by Mesdames Salzman and Cook and vocal solo by Mrs. Lena Leonard Fuller, she responding to a most hearty encore.

The tables and rooms were most attractively decorated with house

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flag day.

Let flags be displayed on both public and private buildings; and I suggest that appropriate exercises be given in all the schools of the state on the afternoon of that day.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the state, this 6th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and eightsen, and of the Commonwealth the eighty-second.

Albert E. Sleeper, Governor. By the Governor: Coleman C. Vaukhan, Secretary of State.

Serve abroad or serve at home. Buy War Savings Stamps.

"Y" Boys Had Good Time. Friday evening, June 7, was the one great event of many which our group leader, Earle Richardson had planned for the Y. M. C. A. It was in the form of an all night hike and camp up the Indian trail above Lighting bend. The group accompanied by their leader, Earle Richardson and our genial county Y. M. C. A. secretary landed on the scene about 8 o'clock. There had been many stunts of which a tilting contest was to have been one of the features. But owing to the cool reception given us by the weather man we hovered around the camp fire. Many jokes were played on one another of which James Brown was left a hungry boy, as some one in their desire to quell their hungry stomachs, ate his lunch. James called it a good joke and acted it, too. It was bright and early in the morning when they all took their departure, all expressing their heartfelt gladness for the chance to sleep under the canopy of God's beautiful blue sky. I heard some one say, "This is a wonderful world to live in and after all this no one can doubt that this is God's great universe." "Y" Reporter. that this is God's great universe." "Y" Reporter. LOCAL I. O. O. F. LODGE TAKES A

WILL REMODEL CRAWFORD HALL SO IT WILL BE ONE OF BEST IN THE STATE.

COUNTRY WORTH FIGHING
FOR IS WORTH SAVING FOR

A country worth fighting for is country worth saving for.

We who through accident of birth are not expected to yo over must do the state.

The local lodge of Oddfellows have enered into a lease with the owners of Crawford hall, whereby the property is virually turned over to the order for a period of ten years to be used for lodge purposes, etc. The lodge plans on making sweeping remodeling changes and when these are completed it aims to have one of the best and most modern lodge rooms in any of the smaller cities of the state.

mach herity encore.

The tables and rooms were most attractively decorated with house flowers of the season and following the lunch was a guessing contest for a social hour which was much enjoyed by the ladies.

This closed the year's work and here club room at the library on Thursday afternoon. September 26.

FIAG DAY PROCLAMATION
By The Governor.

Flag day seems to have been first observed in 1894, when, by order of the governor of New York, the national flag was hoisted on the public buildings of that state in honor of the 117th anniversary of its adoptive by congress, dune 14, 1777. The flag may be congress, dune 14, 1777. The stone flag was hoisted the custom.

The library was been first observed in 1894, when, by order of the governor of New York, the national flag was hoisted the the program was substantially as toloned the custom.

This year the flag has for us deeper meaning than ever before, it means more to the world. It carrier a message of universal hope and cheer. It has become the symbol of the world's freedom. The world because half they marched to the river and achieve. It has become the symbol of the world's freedom. The world was a many feel by the state and have here found freedom and opportunity shall reaffirm their loyalty to the United States and here institutions; and let us all on that day pledge anew our allegiance to currently and procession made their way by all the state of Michigan, descending that the conditions of the world's freedom. The world because half is surpra followed, and no provent of the state of Michigan, descending the procession distinished. It was followed the procession distinished. It was followed. The world because half at Smyrna followed, and provent of the state of Michigan, developed the world and provent of the state of Michigan, developed the world and provent of the state of Michigan, developed the world and provent of the state of Michigan, developed the world and provent of the state of Michigan of the world and provent of the state of Michigan, develope

Notice.

The governing board of the Alvah
N. Beiding public library requests
the public to hand in to the librarian,
Mrs. Mary S. Barnes, or to any mem,
ber of the governing board, lists of
books that they would like to see
placed in the library. These lists
should be handed in before July 1,

TO BE TAUGHT **BUSINESS METHODS**

A., D. FRISTOE TO BE SCOUT BANKER-BOYS TO GET FIN-ANCIAL HELP FOR VARIOUS ENTERPRISES.

A good step in the right direction was taken by the board of commerce men who are acting on the Boy Scout troup committees. The second troup was organized today when all Scout officials met at the call of Scoutmaster F. A. Puffer. The business taken up will be far reaching in its scope and it is hoped that the entire program will make the organization permanent.

The officers elected are A. M. Hall chairman Troup one; Byron Cook, of Connell Drug Co., chairman Troup 2; A. D. Fristoe, treasurer of Scout funds. The matter of a Scout commissioner is under discussion and in the near future some choice will be made. The commissioner has charge of the supervision of all activities and is the chief administraitye officer. cer. Mr.

Mr. Puffer laid down the plan whereby funds may be provided for aiding boys who might need a temporary loan to carry on some useful project in Scouting or to help pay for part of a suit. The heart of the whole idea is to provide a fund from which boys may borrow in the regular way common to the business world. whole idea is to provide a fund from which boys may borrow in the regular way common to the business world. It is believed by many 'hat experience in business is the best instructor, and it is the intention of the whole plan to let each Boy Scout have a chance to take regular responsibility in matters of finance and learn how to make out notes, compute his. interest, his profits on transactions, to renew his note or any other regular piece of business which he might meet in after life. The troup committees have pledged \$2.00 per member as a starter and friends of Boy Scouts will be asked to loan \$1 and not more than \$2 to the fund with the understanding that the amount loaned may be taken back again at any time by notifying the Scout treasurer. A. D. Fristoe.

Sharp competition will be aroused between the troups and various patrols in the race for the best showing in production. Proper awards will be made at the end of the season to the troup and patrols making the best showing.

Every Boy Scout in Belding is alive for strenuous food production for they are backing up the soldiers at the front with food. Food production by any one is true patriotism.

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1436—Harry Sprowl, Hammond, Ind. 1442—Frank Leroy Horner, Portland. 1458—Charles F. Claypool, Lima, O. (Continued on Pago Pive)

